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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL CONFERENCES, RIO AND SAN JUAN

REF: BOGOTA 7305; RIO DE JANEIRO 3300

1. FOR RIO: ECON:COML COUNSELOR MELVIN E. SINN, FSO-2, AND COML ATTACHE JOHN J.EDDY, FSO-3, PLAN ARRIVE RIO FROM SAO PAULO ON CRUZEIRO FLIGHT 810 AT 11:10 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPT 22.

2. FOR SECSTATE AND ADOC: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SINN AND EDDY STOP SAO PAULO ONE DAY

(FRIDAY SEPT 21) EN ROUTE TO RIO CONFERENCE TO BRIEF U.S. BUSINESSMEN GATHERED THERE FOR AIR SHOW

AND US SEMINAR ON PENDING COLOMBIA MULTIMILLION DOLLAR PURCHASE OF AIR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT. IF APPROVED, PLS CABLE FULL TRAVEL APPROPRIATION FOR TRIP TO RIO CONFERENCE VIA STOP IN SAO APULO, VARIG ONLY PRACTICABLE CARRIER (SEE BELOW) TO ARRIVE SAO PAULO IN TIME

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FOR BREIFING.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONFERENCE, EDDY PLANS VISIT PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, ARGENTINA, CHILA, BOLOVIA, AND PERU. THROUGH EDDY WILL TAKE ANNUAL LEAVE TO VISIT THESE COUNTRIES AND WILL PAY ADDITIONAL COST OF TICKET BEYONE ALLOWABLE TRAVEL TO SAO PAULO AND RIO, PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO KNOW THESE COUNTRIES IN JOB-RELATED WAY, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO ECONOMIC INTDFRATION.(.

3. FOR SAO PAULO: PLEASE CONFIRM TO AMEMB BOGOTA AND OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES ASAP WHETHER YOU AGREE BRIEFING BY EDDY AND SINN WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND WHETHER INTERESTED U.S. BUSINESSMEN COULD BE ASSEMBLD ABOUT 11:00 A.M., FRIDAY, SEPT 21 IN SAO PAULO. COLOMBIAN CIVAIR DEPARTMENT PLANS ISSUE IMPORTANT INVITATIONS FOR MULTIMILLION DOLLAR PURCHASE ABOUT END OF SEPTEMBER COVERING RADARS, NON-VISUAL NAVAIDS, ILS, ASNONAUTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, AND VISUAL NAVAIDS (LIGHTS, ETC), SINN AND EDDY COULD ARRIVE SAO PAULO FROM BOGOTA AT 01:20 AM FRIDAY SEPT 21. VARIG 873. IF BRIEFING CONSIDERED USEFUL AND PRACTICABLE BY AMCONGEN SAO PAULO, PLEASE CONFIRM SOONEST TIME OF BRIEFING AND WHETHER TWOSINGLE HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE IN SAO PAULO NIGHTS OF THURS, SEPT 20 AND FRI. SEPT 21. WE REALIZE IT VERY DIFFICULT OBTAIN HOTEL SPACE.

4. SPETEL ON ARRIVAL TIMES IN SAN JUAN FOR MEDELLIN CONSUL, JAMES FORD COOPER, FSO-4, AND ECONOMIC/COML OFFICER WELDON D. BURSON, FSO-5, FOLLOWS. WHITE

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